

STATE	CAPITAL	STATION
23. Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Chennai Coimbatore Madurai Trichy
24. Tripura	Agartala	Agartala
25. Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	Agra** Dehradun Lucknow Varanasi
26. West Bengal	Calcutta	Bagdogra Calcutta
Union Territory		
1. Andaman & Nicobar	Portblair	Portblair
2. Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
3. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Silvasa	—
4. Daman Diu	Daman	—
5. Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	Agatti
6. Pondicherry	Pondicherry	—

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Training of Air Traffic Controllers

3102. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Controllers claim that they are not being trained adequately to cope with increasing traffic; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to improve the standard of training and categorising of Air Traffic Controllers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Air Traffic Controllers undergo ab-initio training at Civil Aviation Training College (CATC). Only on Successful completion of this training, they are posted at the airports. Thereafter rigorous on-the-job training is imparted as per Standards stipulated by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). On modernisation of air traffic control equipments at Delhi and Mumbai airports and introduction of State-of-the-art radar system at several locations, the air traffic controllers have been trained on these systems in United States of America as well as in India.

Mismanagement at IGI Airport, Delhi

3103. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the report appearing in Indian Express dated 23rd June, 2000 highlighting the chaotic conditions and mismanagement at the IGI Airport at Delhi; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item does not reflect the factual position. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has provided adequate sign boards in the airside corridor linked to aerobridges. In order to give face lift and to enhance aesthetics, the false ceiling in air-corridor as well as arrival hall has been replaced in Terminal-2. 21 toilets have already been renovated. Some more works are still in progress. AAI has provided well illuminated pictographs to indicate the location of various facilities. A large facilitation counter manned by staff of airlines and AAI is functioning round the clock in the middle of customs arrival hall. Four money exchange counters are also prominently located inside the customs arrival hall. In addition three money exchange counters are in the link area outside Customs